

CITY LG – September 14 - 15, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Take Time (Jesus Heals Bartimaeus) • *Mark 10:46-52*

Today's Bottom Line: Make time to help others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Compassion—Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs

LG SUPPLY: Glow sticks (one per kid)

WORSHIP

Shine a Light

At the Top of My Lungs

Make sure kids are sitting in their small groups Before you start Large Group.

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, my friends! Today is a great day because we're all here together in The CITY!

We're talking about how we can 'Live Bright' by shining Jesus' light everywhere we go. We can do that by showing love and compassion, and treating others the way we want to be treated. This is what Jesus said in our Memory Verse, Matthew 5:16:

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIRV)

I thought we could shine today by doing one of my favorite things. We're having a glow stick party in the dark!

First, we'll pass out some glow items to a FEW of you. If you get a glow stick, make sure to hold it up high so everyone can see it. Then we'll turn off the lights and watch the glow sticks move around as we all dance to the music.

Then, when the music stops and the lights come on, everybody has to freeze! We'll pass out some MORE glow items and then dance in the dark again! We'll keep going with some different fun dance songs until EVERYBODY has a glow item to dance with!

Okay—first up, let's pass out some of these glow sticks.

Pass out about 10 to 15 glow sticks to different kids in different parts of the room. Be sure to activate the glow items before you give them to the kids.

Are you ready? Let's glow!

LIGHTS: Off (or dim)

AUDIO: Shine a light

*Encourage everyone to dance to the music in the dark, while watching the glow items light up the room. Then stop the music and turn the lights on **at the same time** so the kids know to freeze.*

LIGHTS: On

AUDIO: Stop music

While the kids are “frozen,” pass out glow sticks to several more kids—again, in different parts of the room. Then unfreeze everyone by turning off the lights and playing the song.

Play as many rounds as time allows. For the last round, everyone in the room should have a glow item.

That was AMAZING! You can have a seat.

Our story today comes from the book of Mark in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) It was written by a man named Mark who collected and wrote down stories from the life of Jesus. He wanted to make sure people would always be able to find them and read them . . . like we’re doing today!

As we read about Jesus, we see that everywhere He went, big crowds gathered. And no matter how tired He was, Jesus always had time to show kindness and compassion. Let’s take a look...

VIDEO: Bible Story

I love this story! It’s true that Jesus had a lot of important things to do . . . but He still stopped to show compassion to someone who needed Him.

That’s something we should do too. Stand up and let’s check out our bottom line.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Make time to help others.

And we can follow Jesus’ example and show compassion to the people around us. We can take the time to help others. We can see what people need, and then do something about it! That’s what compassion is all about.

SLIDE: Virtue

Compassion means **caring enough to do something about someone else’s needs.**

SLIDE: Theme

I know it feels so good when someone takes time for me and helps me with something I need. That’s why compassion is such a great way to treat others the way we want to be treated.

I bet all of you can think of some ways that you can **make time to help others.** You’ll get to talk about that with your friends in Small Group.

But before we do that, let’s pray and ask God to help us.”

Dear God, thank You for loving us the way You do. Thank You for the way Jesus helped Bartimaeus and showed us what it looks like to show compassion. Even when life gets busy, please help us to look out for the people around us. Show us how to see what they need and give us Your wisdom so we can know how to help. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

OFFERING:

We are collecting money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It provides wheelchairs to people with physical challenges in Africa. But they provide a lot more than just wheelchairs. Check out this video.

VIDEO: Michael's Story 2

Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

SLIDE: Theme